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Miles Brittelle, Sr., watched over, guided, and even served as the advertising agent for almost ten years, until his death on January 7, 1970. His widow, Mildred, continues to keep the books, collect the accounts, pay all the bills and keeps this editor in line.

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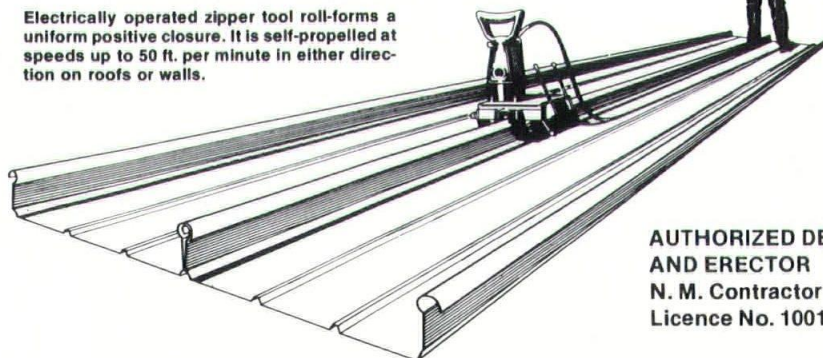


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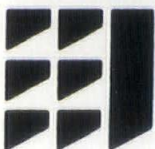
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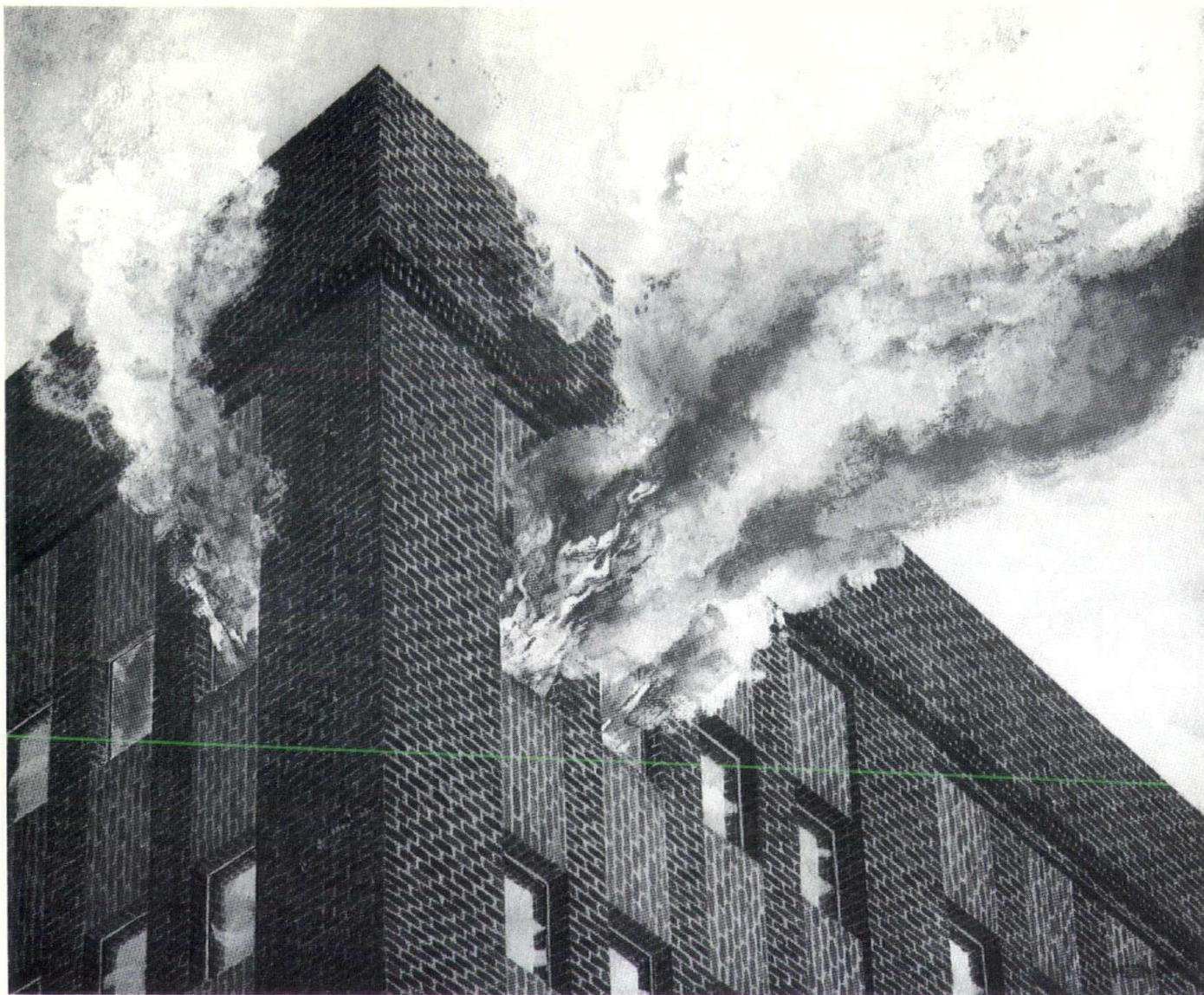


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The facility houses a 35,000 volume library, a film and lecture theater seating 120, children's area, gallery, historical display, serving kitchen and a hobby/meeting room.

The library portion of the structure has been recessed into the sloping park site with the park itself continuing atop the roof. By recessing the library the architects took advantage of an extremely stable insulation envelope; it minimizes air leakage, for the interior remains at a mid 50° F temperature range in lieu of the 30° F to 40° F temperature fluctuation over a 24-hour period, which is normal to this southeastern New Mexico community.

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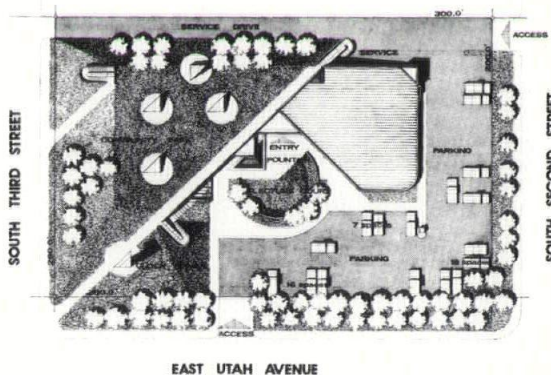
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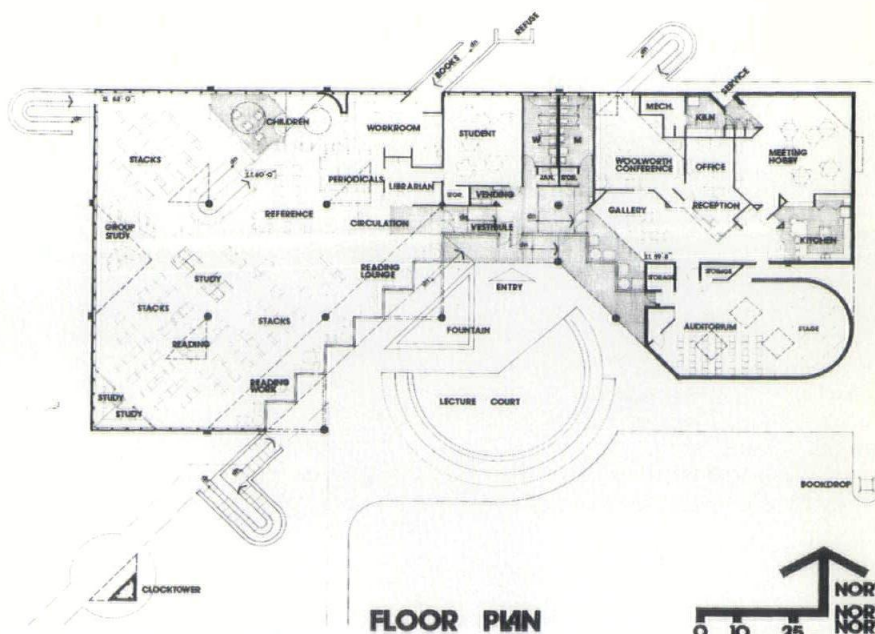
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SITE PLAN



FLOOR PLAN









☞ Looking across the lecture court and fountain towards the entry beyond.

A sound proof children's area, glassed for visibility has the walls and ceilings carpeted, as well as the floor, to deaden the sound of the children. The area has been designed to include puppet shows, movies and story telling. ☞



☞ Looking from the parking area toward the lecture court and entrance.

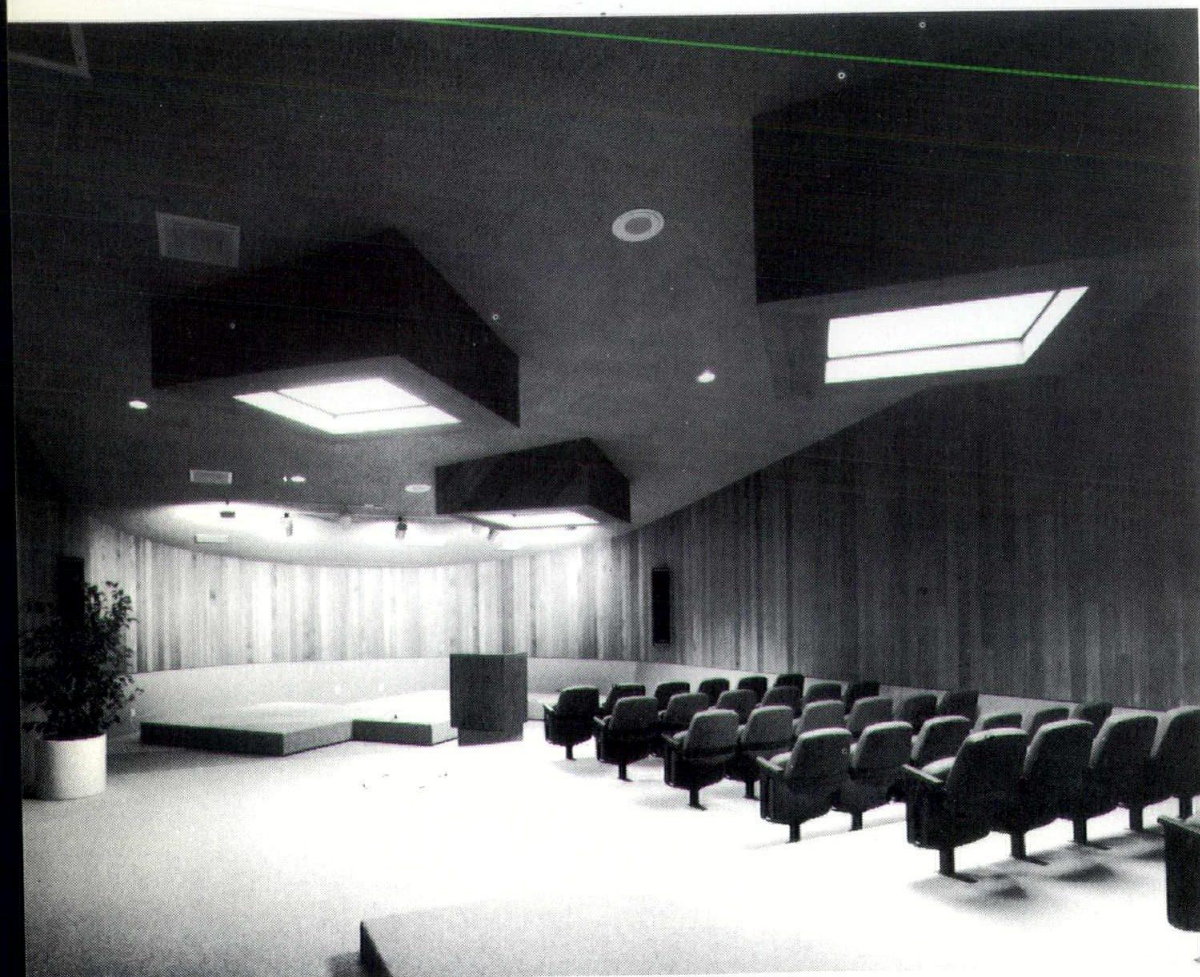
The two level library area. ☞







➡ Auditorium is on the right with the office reception area ahead to the left.



The Woolworth Room was designed to house original furnishings from the Woolworth home and historical information about Clyde and Martha Woolworth. ➡

➡ The auditorium.

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needs by designing the fountain as an integral part of the system. The entrance fountain constantly recycles 80 gallons of water across a sloping concrete lip to give off heat into the air, thereby cooling the room below. The mechanical system is ideal for this building; it is energy conserving, simple to operate and maintain while providing all the individual room controls necessary.

On the interior, materials are used which give the most light reflectance: light oak furnishings, light sand beige carpet, white end pan-

els for the book stacks and ceilings. The light, cool colors of the library are repeated throughout the community functions.

Comments Jean Piper, library director, "The library is a big deal for a small community like this... It's a lovely building... lots of people just come to look... catches the eye in a small town."

Carl Martin, superintendent of schools in Jal, adds, "...acceptance has been real satisfying. The meeting room has a lot of use. Some nights two or three groups will use it; at least one most

nights. People come in to browse, not necessarily to borrow books. Before, there was no browsing space. The outside is very pleasing to the eye. We get many visitors from out of town. They may be in town on business and stop by our new library."

According to the architects, a major portion of the successful response of the building to its community needs came through a positive pre-programming effort in conjunction with a highly perceptive and open-minded board of trustees.



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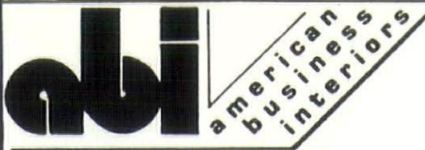
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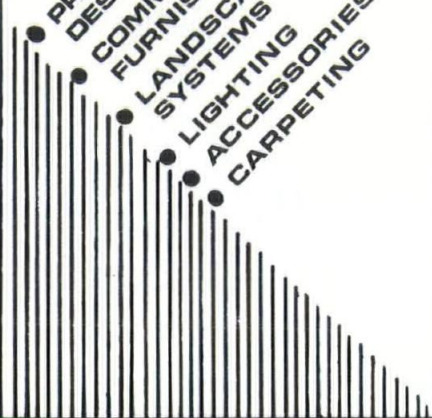
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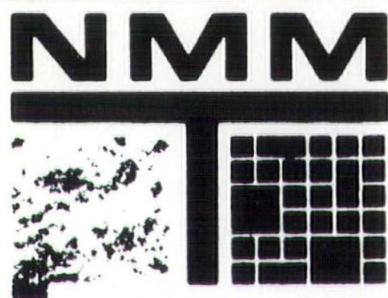


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## THE THIRD ENCUESTRO CULTURAL CHIHUAHUA — NUEVO MEXICO



*Prof. Agustin Mindez Rosas, Sr. Jose Falomir, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Prof. Gerald Theisen, Ing. Ricardo Seira, Dr. Adrian Quiros, Lic. Felipe Colomo Castro, Chihuahua Governor Manuel Bernardo Aguirre, Arq. Mario S. Arras.*

The Third Encuentro Cultural Chihuahua — Nuevo México took place in Chihuahua City October 5, 6, and 7th. Over twenty New Mexicans participated in this year's conference sponsored by the Chihuahua branch of the Seminario de Cultura Mexicana. Members of the Historical Society of New Mexico attended, as well as representatives from the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, Albuquerque Sister Cities Organization, the University of New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico University, the University of Arizona, the University of Albuquerque, the Albuquerque Public Schools, and the Las Cruces Public Schools.

The group was given a welcoming dinner by Chihuahua governor, Manuel Bernardo Aguirre. The governor stressed the importance of cultural interchange in his opening remarks to the visiting New Mexicans. Other social activities included a cocktail party hosted by the Seminario's president, Mario S. Arras and a lunch sponsored by the mayor of Chihuahua.

The theme for the conference was the colonial trade between New Mexico and Chihuahua. Papers were presented which developed various aspects of this rich topic. J. Paul Taylor, La Mesilla,

N.M., concentrated his remarks upon culture and customs along the difficult trail north from Valle de Allende, Chihuahua, and Felipe Colomo Castro, Chihuahua, discussed the geography and history of the long journey.

Chihuahua Professor Agustín Méndez Rosas presented an overview by discussing life in New Mexico before it became part of the United States. Commentators included Professor Joseph Sanchez of the University of Arizona and Professor Peter Bakewell of the University of New Mexico.

After the papers were read and discussed the participants visited Bustillos, Chihuahua. At this interesting private estate, the main building and the church date from the turn of the twentieth century, even though the settlement was built on part of a larger colonial hacienda. The group was given a tour of Bustillos and enjoyed a performance of a Ballet Folklórico troupe from Chihuahua. A delicious luncheon featuring foods of northern Mexico was served in the outdoor patio.

The conference ended with a buffet dinner at the home of José Falomir, the coordinator for the Third Encuentro Cultural Chihuahua—Nuevo Mexico. It was his

thorough preparation which made this third meeting the most successful one. The fourth Encuentro will be held in New Mexico next fall. As in the past, Gerald Theisen, director of the Bilingual/Multicultural Program, Title III, Eastern New Mexico University, is in charge of arrangements. G. T.

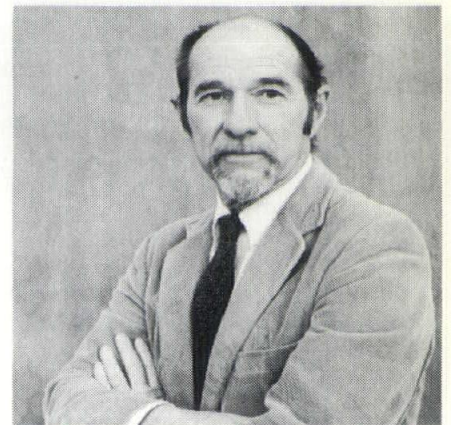
## BAINBRIDGE BUNTING RECEIVES AWARD

Dr. Bainbridge Bunting, professor of Art History at the University of New Mexico was one of four distinguished New Mexicans to receive the Governor's Award for excellence and achievement in the arts in a special ceremony held on Friday, October 6, in the Santa Fe Plaza.

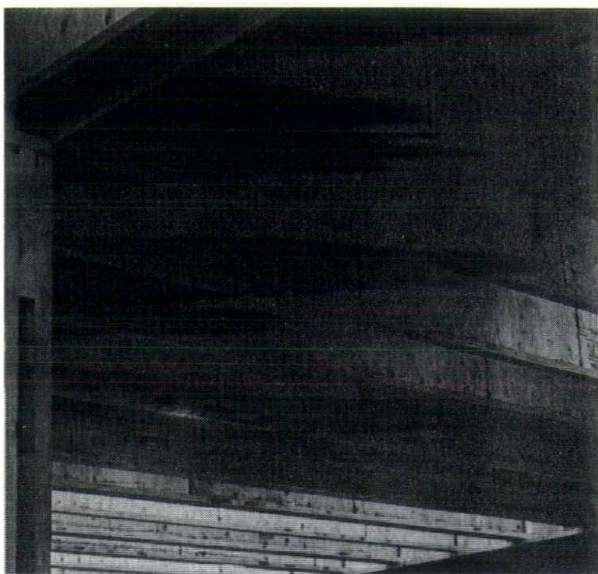
The state's highest artistic honor was given to Maria Benitez, Santa Fe, for Dance; Dr. Bainbridge Bunting, Albuquerque, for Architecture; and Charles Mattox, Albuquerque, and Doel Reed, Taos, in Visual Arts.

Governor Apodaca presented the Fifth Annual Governor's Awards; Mrs. Apodaca presided as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Dr. Bunting has written extensively on the history of New Mexico architecture and was co-editor of *New Mexico Architecture* from 1960-67. His books include "Early Architecture in New Mexico" (1976), and "Taos Adobes" (1964). His book "Houses of Boston's Back Bay District" is now in its third printing by Harvard University Press.







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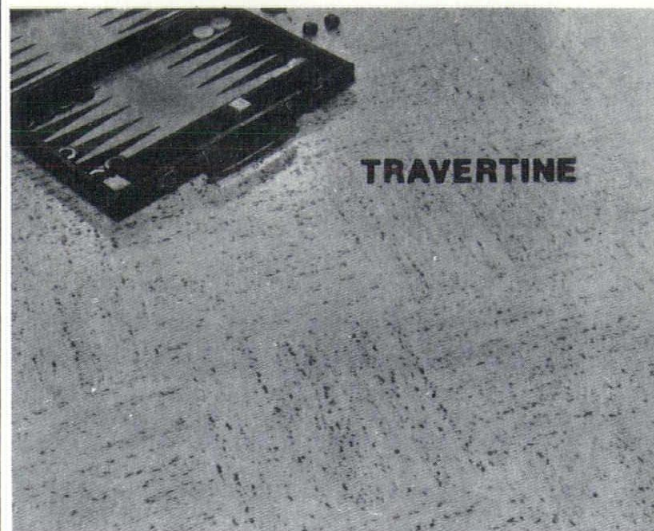
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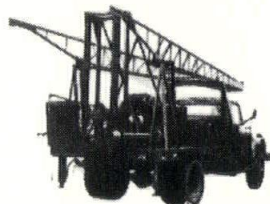
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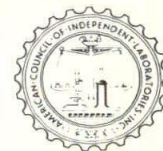


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The Bernalillo County Detention Center features the entire exterior clad with precast concrete panels. Hydro Conduit Corporation produced 451 pieces for the project, in both insulated and noninsulated wall panels, warm-tone concrete with brush blast.



*Architect:* Boehning, Protz & Assoc.

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